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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY WELFARE FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
ALL SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM PROVIDERS  
ALL TITLE IV-E AGREEMENT TRIBES  
ALL FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES  
ALL WRAPAROUND PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMPLEX CARE CAPACITY BUILDING  
GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION

REFERENCE: [ALL COUNTY LETTER \(ACL\) NO 21-143, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2021](#)  
[ACL NO. 21-119, DATED OCTOBER 1, 2021](#)  
[ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE \(ACIN\) NO. I-44-19, DATED JULY 25, 2019](#)  
[CFL NO 21/22-35, DATED OCTOBER 29, 2021](#)  
[CFL NO. 21/22-31, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2021](#)  
[ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 153, CHAPTER 86, STATUTES OF 2021](#)  
[AB 2944, CHAPTER 104, STATUTES OF 2020](#)  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS (WIC) CODE SECTIONS [16001.1](#) and [16501](#)

This letter informs County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and County Probation Departments (CPDs) of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Complex Care Capacity Building General Fund (GF) allocation. A total of approximately \$43.2 million is available based on the Budget Act of 2021.

## Background

[AB 153](#) enacted [WIC Section 16001.1](#) and requires the Department to allocate limited-term and ongoing funds appropriated through the Budget Act of 2021 to support the urgent and exceptional needs of children/nonminor dependents (NMDs) in foster care under the supervision of a county child welfare agency, or probation department, including those who otherwise may be placed in an out-of-state residential facility. The available funding falls into three different categories: (1) child-specific requests for funding to support immediate needs of a child/NMD; (2) county capacity building to address gaps within the continuum of care; and (3) establishment of the Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot. This letter specifically addresses funding for county capacity building. For further information regarding child-specific funding, please refer to [ACL No. 21-119](#). Further forms and guidance for the Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot will be provided in forthcoming letters.

Approximately \$43.2 million GF is available for county capacity building, which is intended to assist with establishing a high-quality continuum of care designed to support foster children/NMDs in the least restrictive setting, consistent with the child/NMD's permanency plan. Funding is available for five years and proposals can be submitted yearly or on a one-time basis. Funding made available to counties shall only be used to supplement, and not supplant, existing funding.

To ensure that all county child welfare agencies and probation departments have access to some portion of this funding, the funds have been allocated as displayed in the attachment. Funds from this allocation may be requested by completion of the Complex Care Capacity Building Proposal. Please refer to the attachment in [ACL No. 21-143](#) for further instructions on completing the proposal. Proposals will be reviewed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to ensure all required information has been provided. Counties may use these funds flexibly to address the capacity gaps identified in the Complex Care Capacity Building Proposal. Counties may explore regional partnerships as an option to utilize these funds to expand local capacity.

Below are some of the potential uses for the funding related to capacity building:

- Contracting and establishment of specialized models of professional foster care including Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC), or other models that may be developed in collaboration with counties and providers.
- Specialty Mental Health Service-Therapeutic Foster Care, a service that partners with county behavioral health, child welfare, probation, and providers, with support from the statewide associations.

- Intensive child-specific recruitment, family finding and engagement, and support programs for children with complex needs. This may include specialized permanency support services as described in [WIC Section 16501](#) and activities associated with the Active Supportive Intervention Services for Transition programs. It may also include tribal family finding and home approvals.
- Specialized models of integrated care and support for family-based settings. This may include high-fidelity wraparound and community-based treatment models that create alternatives to out-of-home or residential placement.
- Contracting with highly individualized Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs) designed to serve children with complex needs who otherwise may have been placed in an out-of-state residential facility.
- Contracting with highly specialized STRTPs designed to serve children with co-occurring intellectual or developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs.
- Contracting with highly specialized STRTPs designed to serve children with co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health needs.

A separate letter will be released regarding funding for tribes with Title IV-E agreements.

## **Funding Distribution**

### *CWDs*

In consultation with the County Welfare Directors Association, approximately \$30.2 million GF is distributed to CWDs using the following methodology:

- Approximately \$29.2 million GF is allotted to the 30 counties identified with the highest caseloads according to the number of Child Welfare Services (CWS) STRTP Youth count during Fiscal Years (FYs) 2019-20 through 2020-21. Funds are then distributed based on each county's percentage of the total CWS STRTP Youth within these 30 counties during the same period. Data is taken from the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) 2021 quarter 2 extract.
- 38 tribal youth associated with Del Norte, Humboldt, and Siskiyou counties are included in the calculation. Data is taken from CWS/CMS November 28, 2021 extract.
- The balance is allotted to the remaining 28 counties and distributed based on each county's percentage of the total CWS STRTP Youth within these 28 counties during FYs 2019-20 through 2020-21.
- A minimum floor adjustment ensures counties receive no less than \$50,000.

### *CPDs*

In consultation with the Chief Probation Officers of California, approximately \$13.0 million GF is distributed to CPDs using the following methodology:

- Funds are distributed based on each county's percentage of the total statewide number of Probation STRTP Youth during July 1, 2019 through July 30, 2021. Data is taken from the CWS/CMS 2021 quarter 2 extract.
- A minimum floor adjustment ensures counties receive no less than \$15,000.

### **Claiming**

Counties are currently in the process of transitioning from the use of the County Expense Claim (CEC) to the use of the County Expense Claim Reporting Information System (CECRIS). Please refer to [ACIN No. I-44-19](#) and [CFL No. 21/22-31](#) for more information regarding the transition to and implementation of CECRIS as well as important differences between the CEC and CECRIS. Detailed claiming instructions will be provided in a forthcoming CFL.

For program-related questions, please contact the Rates Policy Unit at [RatesPolicy@dss.ca.gov](mailto:RatesPolicy@dss.ca.gov). Any questions regarding this planning allocation should be directed to [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

### ***Original Document Signed By:***

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Attachment

**FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMPLEX CARE CAPACITY BUILDING  
GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION FOR COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS (CWD)  
AND COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENTS (CPD)**

COUNTY	CWD ALLOCATION	CPD ALLOCATION	TOTAL ALLOCATION
Alameda	\$717,625	\$533,651	\$1,251,276
Alpine	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Amador	\$50,000	\$19,235	\$69,235
Butte	\$294,656	\$24,035	\$318,691
Calaveras	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Colusa	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Contra Costa	\$698,621	\$187,504	\$886,125
Del Norte	\$72,416	\$33,659	\$106,075
El Dorado	\$185,351	\$76,929	\$262,280
Fresno	\$1,192,888	\$403,841	\$1,596,729
Glenn	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Humboldt	\$280,398	\$38,458	\$318,856
Imperial	\$313,661	\$72,117	\$385,778
Inyo	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Kern	\$831,704	\$528,838	\$1,360,542
Kings	\$76,943	\$52,881	\$129,824
Lake	\$63,365	\$24,035	\$87,400
Lassen	\$50,000	\$43,270	\$93,270
Los Angeles	\$6,468,282	\$5,293,222	\$11,761,504
Madera	\$126,730	\$33,659	\$160,389
Marin	\$50,000	\$67,304	\$117,304
Mariposa	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Mendocino	\$285,141	\$33,659	\$318,800
Merced	\$237,617	\$72,117	\$309,734
Modoc	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Mono	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Monterey	\$156,831	\$110,575	\$267,406
Napa	\$50,000	\$33,659	\$83,659
Nevada	\$50,000	\$33,659	\$83,659
Orange	\$2,114,866	\$269,231	\$2,384,097
Placer	\$266,137	\$120,185	\$386,322
Plumas	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Riverside	\$1,444,765	\$1,048,066	\$2,492,831
Sacramento	\$2,086,347	\$548,074	\$2,634,421
San Benito	\$50,000	\$19,235	\$69,235
San Bernardino	\$4,129,942	\$740,376	\$4,870,318
San Diego	\$2,461,820	\$778,834	\$3,240,654
San Francisco	\$356,440	\$360,570	\$717,010
San Joaquin	\$931,494	\$173,080	\$1,104,574
San Luis Obispo	\$242,390	\$15,000	\$257,390
San Mateo	\$237,617	\$52,881	\$290,498
Santa Barbara	\$209,097	\$28,846	\$237,943
Santa Clara	\$499,010	\$139,421	\$638,431
Santa Cruz	\$113,151	\$96,152	\$209,303
Shasta	\$99,574	\$144,233	\$243,807
Sierra	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Siskiyou	\$50,000	\$24,035	\$74,035
Solano	\$218,614	\$115,387	\$334,001
Sonoma	\$456,232	\$129,810	\$586,042
Stanislaus	\$565,538	\$72,117	\$637,655
Sutter	\$63,365	\$15,000	\$78,365
Tehama	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Trinity	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Tulare	\$285,141	\$15,000	\$300,141
Tuolumne	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
Ventura	\$242,390	\$86,540	\$328,930
Yolo	\$166,346	\$38,458	\$204,804
Yuba	\$50,000	\$19,235	\$69,235
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,242,505</b>	<b>\$12,961,073</b>	<b>\$43,203,578</b>